Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) With effect from 1st Chingam 1106 when all District Registrars were appointed as Assistant Registrars of Joint Stock Companies.

(b) Prior to 1st Chingam 1106 District Registrars of Taluk Head-quarter stations were Registrars of Joint Stock Companies under the Cochin Companies Regulation, 1V of 1110.

(c) No.

(d) With effect from 1st Chingam 1106.

(e) Yes.

(f) Yes.

Mr. K. S. Manickam.—May I know whether the Registrars have petitioned to the Government individually and collectively to increase their grade of pay in view of the increase in their work as evidenced by answer to sub-division (a).

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Yes.

Mr. K. S. Manickam.—May I know what reply Government gave to those people?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The matter is under consideration of Government.

Pay of clerks in the Registration Department.

189. **Mr. K. S. Manickam.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) was not the revision of 1105 (C. No. 89/01, dated 25th March 1930, Local and Miscellaneous Department) aimed at to standardise salaries;

(b) why are clerks possessing the same qualifications started on Rs. 25—30 in the Registration Department and Rs. 25—40 in all other departments;

(c) how many clerks are there who have put in more than 12 years service and are still on Rs. 30;

(d) were not the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee aimed at that every clerk should be given a chance of rising to a pay of Rs. 60 so that he may get a pension of Rs. 30 on his retirement, and that the minimum pay of a clerk should be Rs. 25-40;

(e) have the Government considered the case of clerks who have put in a service of 20 years and are still on Rs. 25-4,

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grade as ordered in para 11 (g) at page 8 of the Diwan's Proceedings referred to above;

(f) are not the clerks and a majority of the Head clerks of Registry Offices started on the very same pay of Rs. 25;

(g) is there any other department in the State in which the minimum pay of a clerk and a Head clerk is the same;

(h) is not that policy maintained in all other departments of the State?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) Yes; it was one of the aims of the Revision.

(b) Because there is difference in the nature of their work.

(c) 36.

(d) Yes, generally.

(e) Yes.

(f) Yes.

(g) Yes.

(h) No.

Mr. K. S. Manickam.—May I know what the difference in the nature of the work is?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The work of the clerks in the Registration Department is that of copyists?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has it been pointed out to the Government by the Superintendent of Registration that it is after all a technical difference between the work of the ordinary clerks and the so-called copyists?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—It may be a technical difference. The main work of the clerks in the Registration Department is to copy down the documents.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the work of the clerks in the other Departments?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—They are section clerks. They will have to put up notes, maintain registers etc.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the work of the clerks of the Registration Department is simple, mechanical copying work?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—99 per cent it is so.

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Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Are the Government aware that no such distinction is maintained in British India?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—We are not aware.

Appointment of Head clerks of Registry Offices as District Registrars.

190. **Mr. K. S. Manickam.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of the Head clerks and clerks in the Registration Department who possess the minimum qualifications for a Registrar's post as laid down in Appendix I of the Standing Orders with their total service as Head clerks or clerks as the case may be;

(b) of these how many have acted as District Registrars and how many have been put in full charge of the office in addition to their own duties as Head clerks during the last 6 years with the duration in each case;

(c) why were the claims of the above persons overlooked in filling up the vacancies of District Registrars who retired in 1110 and 1111 when they were not found incompetent to hold the dual posts of Head clerks and District Registrars simultaneously (please see answer to Question No. 234 dated 7th August 1935);

(d) were not the District Registrars that were appointed in 1110 and 1111 acting hands in the Registration Department;

(e) why were acting hands preferred to permanent hands for the posts of District Registrars while the policy of the Government was to prefer permanent hands (please see answer to Question 228 (15) of Budget Session of 1110 dated 6th August 1935);

(f) why were the claims of Messrs. A. Karunakara Menon and P. Gopala Menon, who have acted as District Registrars before, overlooked in filling up the vacancies of District Registrars appointed in 1110 and 1111?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) A statement containing the required information is appended *(Appendix I.)*

(b) Please see statement appended *(Appendix II.)*

(c) In permanent vacancies of District Registrars, only graduates are appointed.

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